

**MWSS-271 COMMANDING OFFICER'S
POLICY ON
FAMILY READINESS**



Family readiness equals operational readiness.

The Corp's most valuable resource is the individual Marine and his family. It is imperative to success in our mission that we lead with the premise that there is a link between personal and family readiness and operational readiness. Every Marine and Sailor in MWSS-271 must be ready to deploy at a moments notice and while away, they must have complete confidence that their families are well prepared and can accomplish their mission here at home.

To that end I want to concentrate on our individual Marines' and Sailors' personal readiness because it is essential to our success. Family readiness is part of an individual's personal readiness. It is my goal to help every Marine and Sailor and their family to reach that high state of readiness. It is achieved with forethought, preparation and execution.

We have at our finger tips outstanding resources to help us achieve our goal. I want to ensure that these assets are known and utilized by every Marine and Sailor and their families. These services are free! We have two great organizations that offer us a wealth of information and knowledge. Marine and Family Services and Marine Corps Family Team Building will support us in making our goal attainable. They offer "Lifelong Learning, L.I.N.K.S., New Parent Support, Counseling, Family Care Plan" and much more. I hope that you choose to use these services.

Our Family Readiness Officer is always on duty and available to answer your questions and assist you and your family. You should take advantage of his training and experience to enhance your families' readiness. Also, he has a Family Readiness Assistant in each of our four companies. Get to know them! They are also trained and willing to assist us in attaining our goal.

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